

**Introduced by Senator Scott**

February 16, 2006

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An act to amend Section 69616.3 of, and to amend and renumber the heading of Article 5.6 (commencing with Section 69616) of Chapter 2 of Part 42 of, the Education Code, relating to nursing education, and making an appropriation therefor.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1309, as introduced, Scott. Nursing education: State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education: California Community Colleges.

(1) Existing law establishes the Student Aid Commission as the primary state agency for the administration of state-authorized student financial aid programs available to students attending all segments of postsecondary education. Existing law establishes the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE), administered by the commission, under which any person enrolled in an institution of postsecondary education and participating in that loan assumption program is eligible to receive a conditional warrant for loan assumption, to be redeemed upon becoming employed as a full-time nursing faculty member at a California college or university.

Among other things, the SNAPLE act establishes eligibility requirements, limits each participant in the program to one loan assumption agreement, and provides for a progressive assumption of the amount of the loan over 3 years of teaching, up to a total loan assumption of \$25,000. The SNAPLE act requires the commission to report annually to the Legislature, and states the intent of the Legislature that, commencing with the 2006–07 fiscal year, funding necessary for the administration of the program shall be included within the annual budget of the commission.

This bill would make various technical, nonsubstantive changes in the SNAPLE act.

(2) Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law requires the board of governors to appoint a chief executive officer, known as the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction to students at the community college campuses maintained by the districts.

The bill would appropriate, without regard to fiscal years, an unspecified sum from the General Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to administer a contract entered into to develop regional computer clinical placement and clinical faculty resource center systems and to administer a matching grant program, and to allocate funds under that program to community college districts to establish or expand clinical nursing simulation laboratories, as prescribed.

To the extent the funds appropriated by this bill are allocated to a community college district, as defined by existing law for purposes of Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, those funds may be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. The heading of Article 5.6 (commencing with  
2     Section 69616) of Chapter 2 of Part 42 of the Education Code is  
3     amended and renumbered to read:

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5     Article ~~5.6~~. 5.3. State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans  
6                             for Education (SNAPLE)  
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8     SEC. 2. Section 69616.3 of the Education Code is amended to  
9     read:

69616.3. The terms of the loan assumptions granted under this article shall be as follows, subject to the specific terms of each loan assumption agreement:

(a) After a program participant has completed one academic year, or the equivalent of full-time teaching nursing studies, at one or more regionally accredited, eligible California colleges or universities, the commission shall assume up to eight thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars (\$8,333) of the outstanding liability of the participant under one or more of the designated loan programs.

(b) After the program participant has completed two consecutive academic years, or the equivalent of full-time teaching, at one or more regionally accredited California colleges or universities, the commission shall assume up to an additional eight thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars (\$8,333) of the outstanding liability of the participant under one or more of the designated loan programs, for a total loan assumption of up to sixteen thousand six hundred sixty-six dollars (\$16,666).

(c) After a program participant has completed three consecutive academic years, or the equivalent of full-time teaching, at one or more regionally accredited California colleges or universities, the commission shall assume up to an additional eight thousand three hundred ~~thirty-three~~ *thirty-four* dollars ~~(\$8,333)~~ (\$8,334) of the outstanding liability of the participant under one or more of the designated loan programs, for a total loan assumption of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

SEC. 3. (a) The sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) is hereby appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, from the General Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) to administer a contract entered into to develop regional computer clinical placement and clinical faculty resource center systems.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) to administer a matching grant program, and to allocate funds under that program to community college districts to establish or expand clinical nursing simulation laboratories, with joint or collaborative proposals involving the use of clinical nursing simulators getting priority for funding. Funds may be allocated

1 under this paragraph only to community college districts that  
2 agree to train faculty to use clinical nursing simulators.  
3 (b) For the purpose of making the computations required by  
4 Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, to the  
5 extent that the funds appropriated by this section are allocated to  
6 community college districts, they shall be deemed to be “General  
7 Fund revenues appropriated for community college districts,” as  
8 defined in subdivision (d) of Section 41202 of the Education  
9 Code for the fiscal year in which they are allocated, and be  
10 included within the “total allocations to school districts and  
11 community college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes  
12 appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B,” as defined in  
13 subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for that  
14 fiscal year.